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Applicant:

José Zayas-Rivera, et al.

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OXIDIZED MONOTERPENES

Group Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: Kevin E. Weddingto

RESPONSE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2002, please consider the following:

REMARKS

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-34 as obvious over Chastain et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,308,873 ("Chastain B") in view of Chastain et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,110,832 ("Chastain A"). For the reasons set forth below, applicants respectfully overcome this rejection.

The basis for this rejection relies primarily upon a single sentence from Chastain B, which states: